

Sunday May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter



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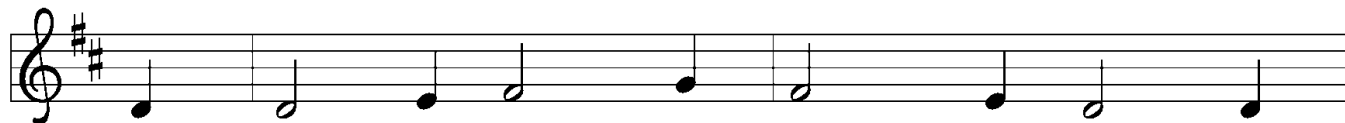
MISSION STATEMENT

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH**
we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS**
we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

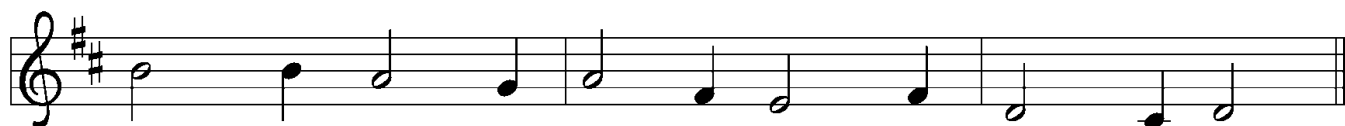
OPENING HYMN: "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" #384 ELW (Please Rise on the last Verse)



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You

call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal and all-merciful God,

with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 30 (*Read Responsively*)

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Gospel: John 11:17-27

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Video Sermon – Bishop Amy Odgren

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Touch That Soothes and Heals" #939 ACS



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

Please stand if you are able

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Restore all people who cry to you for help. Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you. Sustain them by your faithfulness, and give them strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. - *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate*

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

Offering Prayer

Living God,

you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Thine is the Glory”

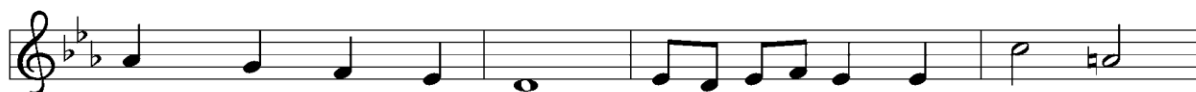
#376 ELW



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Greeters: Barry & Donna Ansell

Ushers: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Hospitality: Jeannine Bruesewitz, Del & Dianne Jones

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, April. 24, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 68 Online: 14

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

May 2, 2022 – May 8, 2022

Monday	5/2	11:30 am 7:00 pm	Card Players AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/3	10:00-2:30	Mental Health First Aid Class No Choir Practice this week
Wednesday	5/4	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	5/5	8:00 am All Day 4:00 pm	ROMEOs at Faith Lutheran Prayer Breakfast National Day of Prayer in Isle Bell Practice
Sunday	5/8	9:00 am	Worship in person and live stream

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Jeannine's brothers, John & Jim, health concerns.

BLESSING BOX The first Sunday of every month we pass the "Blessing Box". If you feel blessed, please contribute to the Blessing Box today to help others. All donations will go to local area benevolences. Thank you! What a Blessing!

SURVEY – in today's bulletin is a survey on summer worship service options. Please fill out the survey and return to the church office.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Thursday, May 5, 2022. Prayer Breakfast at Faith Lutheran Church from 7:00-9:30am. Open Prayer from 11am – 2pm at the following churches: Faith Lutheran, Living Waters Assembly of God, Isle Baptist, Holden Lutheran & Wahkon Presbyterian. Concert of Prayer from 6:30-8:30pm at Isle Evangelical Free Church. See poster in Narthex for complete information.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS: training classes will be available that will cover a variety of topics of how to help a person experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. The Mental Health First Aid training class will consist of two 4 hour sessions on May 3rd and May 10th, From 10:00am – 2:30pm. We will break for lunch each day so plan to bring a bag lunch. Soup and Refreshments will be available. Participants must attend both sessions. LIMITED to the first 30 participants. A contribution from Thrivent Financial has helped reduce price to \$10 each for materials. Please call the church office to register:320-684-2123.

WELCA DELEGATES WELCA is looking for delegates for the Summer Convention on June 6-8, 2022. Any female member of the church is welcome. More information and registration forms available in the Fellowship Hall on the table along the NW wall. See Jeannine Bruesewitz or Susan Samuelson for more information.

CRAFTERS! Mark your calendar for Monday, May 23 at 9 am to brainstorm ideas for our fall bazaar. Bring ideas or craft that you think we can do as a group.

ROMEOs will meet at Faith Lutheran Church in Isle this week for the Prayer Breakfast.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE OPTIONS

Name (optional): _____

- As we enter into the summer season, what best describes your attitude toward attending worship service at church?
 - I prefer two Sunday Worship service. One at 8:30am & one 10:00am
 - I prefer one Sunday earlier morning Worship service.
 8:30am or 9:00am
 - I prefer one Sunday later morning Worship service.
 9:30am or 10:00am
 - I would like a Saturday evening “Causal” worship service in addition to Sunday morning.
 - I prefer a Wednesday night “Family” worship service in addition to Sunday morning.
 - I prefer to worship online at YouTube
 - Not Sure

- Do you expect the church to offer children’s and student ministries when schools are back in the fall?
 - Yes
 - No, have them participate in the main worship service for now.
 - Yes, I would be willing to assist with lessons.

Please return the survey to the church office or mail to:
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